

DB Burnt Offering Pt. 1,2,3.

By Deoram Bholan of Arlington, Texas

This day that the Lord has given us is the 98th day of the year which is 14×7 . And, $7 \times 7 \times 2$. And, it is a wonderful number, even if we do not know what numbers indicate. But, it is also the 8th day of the fourth month. And “8” speaks of resurrection and new beginning. And “8” links with circumcision – the natural circumcision of the Hebrew male is a type of *the circumcision not made with hands* which is a spiritual circumcision. And, so, in this fourth month, (“4” is the number of fruitfulness), this 8th day, may the Lord visit us with His resurrection power, His transforming power, and open up His word to us as we continue where we left off the last time which was The Burnt Offering in Leviticus chapter 1.

For those of you who were not here, I will try to summarize and continue. But, the tapes are available. Some may want a CD, and I think you will have to check with Sharon and John. We had a good time the last time. And, I trust the Lord, we will have even a better time this time.

[01:45 min.]

I know the Book of Leviticus is a difficult book and we enjoy Genesis and Exodus. But when we get to Leviticus it is very tough reading. And Numbers and Deuteronomy, those Five Books of Moses have so much in them not only historically but prophetically. And, never mind where you read, *the story of redemption* is in those five books.

[02:20 min.] [David's Five Smooth Stones as the Pentateuch](#)

How many of you have puzzled over David taking five smooth stones from a brook where water was running or flowing over? And, the impact of water on stone causes the removal of the rough edges from the stone. And, David took five *smooth* stones to face Goliath. In doing so, he was using what God intended him to have because he was familiar with the sling and the stone, being a shepherd boy. But, did he have to use all five of the stones? No! How many did he use? One. And you may wonder why one? Well, as you study the story, there were five giants. David killed the *first* one. And, his men assisted him to kill the remaining four of them. You will have to study that.

[03:35 min.] [Jesus Used Deuteronomy to Overcome the Tempter](#)

But, I want to give you *another* thought, and that is, when our Lord was tempted in the wilderness by Satan, *three times* the Lord answered the Devil. And, he prefaced his words by, “It is written.” “It is written.” “It is written.” And, if you study the three quotations Jesus used, guess what you will discover. You will discover that *all three* quotations are from one out of the five Books of Moses. Guess which one that was. That is alright. The book of Deuteronomy. Isn't that interesting? You may say, “Well, why did Jesus use three scriptures from *one* book? Remember, Moses wrote the Pentateuch which we call the first five books of the Bible. And, all

that Jesus needed was one out of the five to stun the giant! And that was Satan. But now I want to give you another thought. And that is, the five stones are the five offerings in Leviticus 1-7.

[Track 2. 00:00]

And *who* is “the accuser of the brethren”, who is our adversary, what is his name? The devil. And he wants to terrorize us with all kinds of fears and frustrations and wear down our faith. But, we don’t have to fear the devil. We do not even have to worry about fighting the devil. The devil was defeated by Jesus at the Cross and in His resurrection as well as His ascension. And, *all* we have to do is submit ourselves to God. Then we resist the enemy.

[Track 2. 00:44]

Now, these five smooth stones really are five mirrors. There are not five offerings as such, by way of redemption. There is only one offering. But there are five mirrors to that one offering. Or, there are five *aspects* to the one offering that Jesus completed on the Cross.

And, if you use *one* of these offerings against the enemy, he is a defeated foe already and you can take a stand against him. So, when he comes against us, we can declare that we stand on the merits of Jesus Christ who is our Burnt Offering, our Meal Offering, our Peace Offering, our Sin Offering, and our Trespass Offering. If you look at any one of those, one of the five is enough to show the devil he has been defeated. So, we do not have to fear him, but we have reverence – as we were singing – we have the fear of God which is *reverence* for God.

[T2, 02:00]

Like the seraphim. Isaiah saw them. With two wings they covered their faces. My! With two wings they covered their feet. With two wings they did fly. Now, that, really is marvelous. Right there you see the outline of a Cross. From the head down to the feet and across the wings. So, the Cross is central in the Throne. Hallelujah. And, from Genesis to Revelation, the Lord and His work, the Cross, are *paramount*. And, we can not forget the Cross and the one Who died on the Cross. And, for us who know the Lord, the *principle* of the Cross which is to take up *our* cross, *daily*, and follow Him.

[T2. 03:08] [Four Gospel Portraits and Five Offerings](#)

It is like the Gospels. We say there are four Gospels. Really, there is only one Gospel but there are four *portraits* of the Lord in one Gospel. So, “gospel” means “good news” – “joyful tidings”. And, would it surprise you that in the four Gospels we have the five offerings? You say, “How can *four* Gospels give us *five* offerings? I will show you how! In Matthew, we have the portrait of Jesus the King. And Jesus fulfills the Trespass offering in the Gospel of Matthew. You will have to study each offering to see how Jesus fulfilled them. In Mark, He fulfills the Sin offering. In Luke, He fulfills the Peace offering. In John, He fulfills the Burnt offering. There is one missing. It is the Meal offering. The Meal offering is common to all four Gospels. And, by that, I mean, if you look at Jesus in Matthew as the king, in Mark as the servant, in Luke as man – the sinless man, in

John as God made manifest in the flesh (He is perfect in every way and there is no blemish in Him).

[Track 2. 04:50 min.]

So, knowing the Lord, beloved is like getting your feet in the river like Ezekiel saw. But that is only the beginning!

[Track 3, 00:00 min.]

Ezekiel had to advance another thousand cubits before waters reached the knees. Then further, as he advanced, water reached his loins – the waist area. And then, as he advanced further, there were waters to swim in. And, that is our progression in God. We start off, knowing Him. And, then we continue to follow Him. And, after meeting the Lord on the Damascus road, twenty-five years later Paul says, "...that I may know Him"! So, he was not talking about knowing the Lord just as savior. That is *very* important. And we can not belittle that. But he wanted to know the Lord in an *ever-increasing way*. And if we can get that across to the new converts, I believe they can make further steps in God rather than take forty years to grow a little. And, the Great Commission was not only, "Go preach the Gospel." That is part of it. We tend to forget the other part. *Teaching them* or making disciples of them. So, the preaching of the Gospel leads to conversion, but the teaching is to establish us in the faith. And, we will never understand everything *perfectly* on *this* side of the veil. But, God rewards the diligent seeker.

As I said last time, I thought I knew something about the burnt offering – in my mind. And, a dear sister in Christ, who walked *many years* with the Lord and lived to be 95 years of age, just asked me one day around 1970 or 1971, "Brother, have you studied the Burnt Offering. And, do you know anything much about it?" And, quickly, I said, "Yes." But, really, though I knew *about* the Burnt Offering, I had no understanding of it in a *fuller* measure. So, I began to search the Scriptures about the Burnt Offering. And, one of the first shocks I had was that the Burnt Offering had nothing to do with sin! It was *wholly* for the satisfaction of God. And why does God put the Burnt Offering first? The Burnt Offering shows us that God must come first, and His laws must be carried out and His justice must be executed. And, when God is satisfied, *then* we come to the last of the offerings, the Trespass offering. You see, *we* start out with the Sin and Trespass offerings because *that* is our problem. But, it is like the Tabernacle. Some of us study the Tabernacle. The normal way is to start at the Outer Court and advance into the Holy Place and, ultimately, into the Holy of Holies. But, we do not see the *reverse* order. And, that is starting from the Holy of Holies all the way into the Holy Place and getting to the Brazen Altar. Now, no man could fulfill that except Jesus Christ! Because *He is the Holy of Holies*. Hallelujah? And every piece of furniture speaks of Him. And He is the Ark which was the most vital part of the Tabernacle. As I said to you some time back, the Tabernacle without the Ark is like the human body without the heart. You think you can handle that one? It is not too difficult. And God started out with the Ark first rather than talking about the Tabernacle. Which one of us, if

constructing a house, wants to worry about the *furniture* first. Not one of us! And, when the house is completed, then we look for the furniture to match the house. God starts with the furniture first that was most important – the Ark! For, without the Ark there is no sacrifice! Without the Ark there is no mercy! No grace! So, God starts out with Himself! The only piece of furniture linked with God or Lord!

How about that? “In the beginning, Man.” No! “In the beginning, God!” We must come back to the centrality of the Lord!

[Track 4]

So, the Burnt Offering, to my surprise, was an offering *for the satisfaction of God!* And when God was *pleased* with an offering, how did He show His approval? *He sent fire to consume it!* And that is why God accepted Abel’s offering and rejected Cain’s. And I already explained about the Burnt Offering, so I will not repeat, but the first time we read of an offering is hidden in Genesis 3:21, “And the Lord God made coats of skin and clothed them and put them on Adam and Eve.” You will have to hear the first tape [Ed. note: the first tape seems to be missing. We need to inquire of the original publisher: Sharon Bolan Yerby Ministries]. And you will see how the *altar* was involved, the *priest* was involved, and the *animal sacrifice* was involved. And God showed Adam and Eve the way to approach him. Well I can not go into all of that. Please forgive me. But you will get the details if you will hear the first installment.

And I believe that offering God offered was not a Sin offering or a Trespass offering. And you will think about it when you will hear the message. It was the same with Abel and Cain. Cain was supposed to offer a Burnt offering, but he offered of the cursed ground. And, as the Bible says, “Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins.” The sinner can not approach God in his so-called good works. What are they in the eyes of God? Filthy rags. And, by the way, it was not Adam and Eve seeking God. Who came seeking whom? It was God who came seeking them! Hallelujah! You and I would not have taken one step towards God until the Holy Spirit began to woo us and draw us. Hallelujah? “No man can come unto Me except the Father draw him.”

Well, we are told that God had respect unto Abel’s offering. But we are not told why God accepted the one and rejected the other as far as the *outward* sign of God’s approval. But I want to repeat something I said before. And it will show you the way God accepts an offering, answered in Psalm 20:3. It begins with, “The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble,” and “the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.” But go to verse 3. “*Remember all thine offerings, and accept*” – what kind of sacrifice? – [“ascents”] – So, what offering is that? The Burnt Offering. Now, if you have a marginal Bible, you will find that the word “accept” means “to turn into ashes.” Does your Bible have that? If it does not, that is fine. So, you can make a note that the same verb “accept” is the meaning of “turning into ashes.” If God accepted a sacrifice, what was the sign of His approval? He sent fire to consume it! Praise God? And that is why Cain was displeased. And yet he had an opportunity to do what was right. Is it not sad [that] *the firstborn*

of Adam and Eve became a *rebel*? And the Bible speaks of “the way of Cain.” It is the same today. People want another way to God, but there is only one way. And that is through the Lord and the way of the Cross.

[Track 4, 04:26]

Anyhow, I want to bring you to the fact that in the Book of Genesis, the primary offering was the Burnt Offering. All the other offerings are *linked* to the Burnt Offering because it is the foundation of *all the other offerings*. I want to give some more examples to show you the Burnt Offering. We went all the way to Noah. The first thing he did after he landed on Mt. Ararat was to construct an altar and offer burnt offerings.

[Track 5, 00:00]

And, I dealt with that, so we will not prolong the thought. Then we went to Abraham and how Abraham built *four* altars. And he is the man of the *tent* and the *altar*. To have a tent and live in a tent is to say you are a pilgrim – you are on a journey. And to construct an altar means you are a *worshipper*. And you know that the animal on the altar speaks of the Lord and His work on the Cross. And although he built one altar, he would come *back* to the principle of the altar. That means, once you start out at the Cross, you never forsake the Cross, you always keep coming back to the Cross because what Jesus did 2,000 years ago is still fresh today. Amen? And He is the same, “yesterday, today, and forevermore.” In heaven, you know what the theme of their song is? “*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to redeem us with His blood out of every nation, kindred, tongue and tribe.*” Don’t you think we should pay more attention to the *person* of the Lord – the Lamb – and *the work of the Lord on the Cross*? Never mind how far we go with God, we will never exhaust: the *person* of the Lord and the *work* of the Lord.

You know, dear friends, I still love to go back to the last week of the Lord’s life here on earth. And there are Seven Miracles at the Cross. Can you find them? If not, work on them. And there are *seven last words* Jesus spoke on the Cross. The more you study, the more you say, “Lord, this is *beyond* me.” But everything the Lord did and said had tons of meaning! But every time God gives you a little light you begin to rejoice that the life He lived was no ordinary life. And yet, He did not have a halo on His head. And He was not so “spiritual” that He had no earthly relevance. Sometimes we get so spiritual we are no earthly good! On the other hand, we can get so earthly that we are no spiritual good. And we need a balance! And you have to study His life and then you will see how He *fulfilled* these offerings.

[Track 5, 02:32]

Alright. Let us read what Moses says to Pharaoh. Exodus 8:27, “We will go three days into the wilderness and sacrifice unto the Lord our God as *He* shall command us.” Notice that! They could not worship God in Egypt! True worship was not in Egypt. They had to *leave* Egypt, cross the Red Sea and come into the wilderness and be made ready to receive the further truths that God gave Moses for the nation of Israel. “And Pharaoh said, ‘I will let you go that you may

sacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderness, *only you shall not go very far away!*" See? As you go down into the next chapter and it is too much to cover at this time. But I want to Exodus 10:8-9, "And Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh and he said unto them, 'Go serve the Lord your God, but who are they that shall go?' Moses said – watch this verse – *"We will go with our young, will our old, and with our sons, with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go, for we must hold a feast unto the Lord."* And that is the way the devil works. He tries to get us to compromise and just come half way and then turn back. But God wants us to be delivered from Pharaoh – the world and its master, Satan. And what did Pharaoh say? Let the Lord be so with you as I will let you go and your little ones. Look! For evil is before you!' 'Not so. Go now ye that are men and serve the Lord – for that ye did desire.' And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence."

But ultimately, he had to let them go. Maybe you can look back into your life and see

[Track 06, 00:00]

how long it took you to really come to the Lord and make a break with your past sinful life. Some people meet the Lord in a dramatic way. Some of us it takes a gradual conviction. And sometimes we hesitate. But it is like the seed that fell on wayside ground, thorny ground, rocky ground, and good ground. And that is too much to go into. But, four kinds of soil. Four is the number of the earth. It shows you the hearts of men and their response to the Gospel of Truth.

Alright. So, what did Moses mean, "We will go with all that we have and all that we are"? That is the Burnt Offering. I am not my own, I am the Lord's. And God does not want half of me, He wants all of me. This is full surrender to God. Even when we know the Lord we are not fully surrendered to Him yet. It takes *time and processings*. Some of us in a short time. Others in a longer time. But we learn that it is hard to fight against the Lord. And we have to surrender (at some point).

[Track 06, 01:28]

So, Moses is saying, "We will go, and *all* of us will go." It is a picture of God wanting *all* of us and our families to come to *know* Him. And, keep this principle in mind. All that we are and all that we have are whose now? The Lord's. And, the principle of the Burnt Offering is surrender.

I might have said it to you, but, if not, I will say it to you this morning, the word "*islam*" means "surrender" or "submission". But that is the Devil's interpretation of surrender and submission. Because, the Lord does not put a sword in our hand – a literal sword. And He does not say, "Go fight with *that*." Those who kill with the sword, what will happen to them? [They] will be *killed* with the sword. It is true in the spiritual. If you are going to use the sword which is the word of God, you have got to be killed by that sword! You have got to let that word work on you first! Peter used the literal sword, and the Lord rebuked him. And then, three times by the Sea of Galilee the Lord asked him, "Do you love Me more than these?" He had to admit that he was boastful. And, it was after he *took* the correction, you see a different Peter on the day of

Pentecost. He is wielding the sword. It is not a literal sword. It is the sword of the Spirit – the word of God spoken with *power and authority*.

So, the Burnt Offering links with total commitment to God. And when God was pleased with him, what did he do to show his approval? He sent *fire to consume it*. Now, let us see some instances. Maybe we will not get to the Meal Offering. Because, as I said, each offering is very deep, and it is far better we go slowly than try to finish everything in “seven short steps.” I am sorry I can not go that way. But, teaching the word of God takes some time and patience.

[Track 06, 03:48]

So, I want to give you another illustration of fire consuming the Burnt Offering. Go to Leviticus chapter 8 and 9. Leviticus chapter 8: the priesthood is being dedicated to the Lord for seven days in chapter 8:35. “Therefore shall you abide at the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation day and night,” – how many days? – “*seven* days. And keep the charge of the Lord that you die not. For so I am commanded.”

What is today’s date. Please help me. April the eighth. Without my realizing it – let us go to chapter 9. “And it came to pass” – on the *what* day – “on the eighth day.” Alright. Something is going to *happen* in the eyes of all the people. “...that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel and he said unto Aaron,”

[Track 07 is a repeat of Track 6]

[Track 08, 00:00]

What did he say unto Aaron? Take thee a young calf for a Sin Offering and a ram for a Burnt Offering without blemish and offer them before the Lord.” I cannot read all of it, but it goes to verse 22. “And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people and blessed them and came down from offering of the Sin Offering and Burnt Offering and Peace Offerings. And Moses and Aaron went into the Tabernacle of the congregation and came out and blessed the people...” What happened on the eighth day? “And the glory of the Lord appeared unto *all* the people!” Whenever you see the glory of the Lord, it is manifested as a cloud [and], at times, as a flame of *fire*. “And there came *a fire* out from before the Lord and *consumed upon the altar*” – what offering? – the Burnt Offering and the fat. The fat was taken from the other offerings, but [it was] the Burnt Offering and the fat. Let us read on. “...which when all the people saw, they shouted and fell on their faces. That is the Old Testament picture of the enduement of Spirit! Because, the priests could not minister without getting fire from the altar. You see, when God sent that fire, he did not mean that the fire would consume the sacrifice and that would be the *end* of the fire. That same fire was to continue burning and they had to offer in the morning and in the evening a daily Burnt Offering. And, the next day, the fire was to continue. And so, when God sends fire, He intends for that fire not to go out! But, because of Israel’s sin, the fire went out and God had to call down fire *again*! It is the same way with us. We can be filled with the

Spirit, but if we walk in the flesh and keep grieving the Spirit and quenching the Spirit we end up in a backslidden condition and we have to repent.

Like Samson. He played around with the anointing in his life. And, when he got defiled, God did not protect him from the Philistines. And, He paid a big price to get back to the place where his hair grew again! But, out of his repentance and his suffering, he called on the Lord and he recovered what he had lost, but what a price! That is to *warn* us, beloved, that having begun in the Spirit, let us trust God for grace *to go on* in the Spirit. Because, we can turn back and *all* of us can be hindered in many ways. Great ministries have *fallen* because of different temptations. Let us not think we are better than anyone. Let us not glory in the failure of anyone. Because, if one of us suffer, - guess what? – *all* of us suffer. So, we stand in the gap for God to bring all of the fallen ones to repentance. And, as Paul says, “If any one thinks he stands, let him take heed lest he fall.” *Only God can keep me*. But these things are happening to *warn* us.

So, that was what the people saw. And they shouted. You can not have the Spirit and be glum and mum. “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!” In other words, the Lord gives you a mouth to speak. And you can sing. And if you cannot sing, you can make a joyful noise. Hallelujah!

So, that is the Old Testament picture of the enduement of the Spirit – or, the Baptism of the Spirit. And, by the way, when Pentecost came around for the Church, the Lord did not tell them when the Spirit would descend upon them in power, but He told them to tarry in Jerusalem. And, what day did the Spirit come? (After Jesus rose from the dead.) The word “Pentecost” means “fifty”. [The Spirit came] *fifty days after the resurrection*. The resurrection was on the eighth day which is the first day of the week. And the Spirit fell on the *eighth Sunday*. I want you to get this!

Now, how many of you have ever heard the word [which] in some places, in traditional churches, they use it a lot? But, how many of you are familiar with the expression “Whitsunday”?

[Track 09, 00:00] Well, “Whitsunday” is the word “whit” which means “white hot”, but it links with “wheat” and, it is the French word “huit”.

I used to be a French teacher, and I love languages. Latin and French were my specialty. Of course, I am not as familiar with those languages as I should be. But, some words you do not forget. And “whit” means eight! What does “whit” mean? [Eight.] So, “Whitsunday” is the eighth Sunday after Resurrection which is the day of Pentecost! Did you learn something new this morning? So, next time you hear the word “Whitsunday”, that is a commemoration of what happened to the 120 in the Upper Room.

And, by the way, Pentecost was not the barley harvest. Pentecost was the *wheat* harvest. And, how many souls were converted on that day through Peter? [“Three thousand.”] So, you have a harvest! And, it also means “white”. And, the fire burns the hottest where you see the white flame. And, how did the Spirit come upon them. *As cloven tongues of fire*. So, nothing that God

does is just circumstance, beloved. God is the God of law and order. And His ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts higher than our thoughts.

May I give you another side thought on this? How many sons did Jesse have? Eight! And who was number eight? David! Now, in one place it says “seven”. Perhaps that other son could have died at that time the writer was writing. And, David is a man of the Spirit. He was anointed how many times? Three times! And in the three anointings we see a foreshadowing of David as prophet, priest, and king. But, he is not a priest after the Aaronitic order, He is a priest after the Melchizedek order! For, no priest came from Judah! That is why He could *bless* the people [while?] only the Priest could do that. And He could wear a linen ephod and get off with it, because He was not *presuming* to be a priest, but He had the marks of a Priest upon him. That is why He could eat the shewbread and not die! He was a man after God’s own heart! David saw so much in his time. A man that was a *true worshipper of God*. So, he is the *eighth* son. He is the last and the last shall be first. Hallelujah! And, in David, we see a man who was anointed by Samuel. Then he was anointed over a portion of Israel. Then he was anointed king over *all* Israel. And that is something wonderful.

At Pentecost, I understand, for the Jew it is not “Acts 2”, it is the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai when God spoke to them and appeared in fire, and the mountain shook, and the people were all afraid. That happened fifty days after they had left Egypt. So, for the Jew, Pentecost is the commemoration of the Law, and God giving the Law. For the Christian, there is a connection. The *same Holy Spirit* who is called “*a finger of God*,” – in one place Jesus says, “If I by the finger of God cast out devils...” In another place, “If I by the Spirit of God cast out devils...” So, who is the finger of God? The Holy Spirit. What did the musicians tell Pharaoh – up to a point? “*This is the finger of God!*” They could not counterfeit anymore miracles.

What do you do with your finger? Oh, that is a whole message – please forgive me. This is the pointing finger. But, remember, when we are pointing, we have four fingers pointing back at us. That is why those who are the prophets of God or the servants of God, we have to judge ourselves, so we shall not be judged. And, with what judgment we judge, it will be measured to us.

[Track 10]

So, the finger points the way. *Who* points the way? Who reveals Christ to us? The Holy Spirit.

What did the drunken party see [on] the night [in which] Babylon was to fall from its prominence over the gentile empires of that day? Two fingers wrote – Right? In other words, if we receive correction, it will be well. If we do not, then we face judgment. Because, Jesus said, “When the Spirit of truth has come”, He will do *three things*. He will *convince, convict, and reprove of sin, righteousness, and judgment*. And, He reveals not only the sinless estate, He reveals the sinless Savior Who came to redeem us. Praise God? So, one of the greatest prayers we can pray is like the Publican who put his hand over his heart and he said, “God, be merciful to Me, a sinner.”

But the Pharisee did not see himself. He thought he was *superior* to the publican. But, of the two, one went to his home justified rather than the other. So, when we can put our hand over our heart, we are saying, "My corruption is in my heart. Lord, deal with my corrupt heart." And, when I ready to confess and repent, then God is ready to heal me from the leprosy of sin and I can have a clean heart. Amen? *That* is the grace of God.

And, Moses acted that out. God said, "Take your hand, put it in your bosom." And, when he did, and he stretched out his hand, it was leprous. God said, "Put your hand again in your bosom and stretch it out." What happened to the leper's hand? It was free from leprosy. So, the reason I have a leprous hand is I have a leprous heart! And, until God deals with my heart and brings me to repentance, I am still filled with leprosy.

So, all of that is the Bible *in type and in shadow*.

So, David - at the time of Pentecost for the Jew, they light 150 candles in memory of the 150 Psalms, about *73 of which David wrote*. The greater part of the Psalms, David wrote. The greater part of the Psalms, David wrote. Me! We marvel at the truths in the Psalms. Even the whole story of the Cross is in the Psalms. As a matter of fact, while I am on it, the five Books of Moses - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy - the Psalms are in *five portions corresponding to Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy*. Me! So, God has put a lot there. And, we can not take it all, but we can take a little. And, God will show us as we follow on to know Him.

[Track 10, 03:05]

Now, I want to give you another reference to the fire of God in Judges 6 - the story of Gideon. You will have to go slowly as you read! Because, these types and shadows are very tough to unravel, but the Lord will help us as we follow on to know Him. Judges 6:19, "And Gideon went in and made ready a kid" and what kind of cakes? Ah! The Meal Offering which is a second offering *was to be made out of unleavened flour*. No leaven in it! How did Gideon know he must offer unleavened cakes and have a Burnt Offering!

"The flesh he put in a basket. And he put the broth in a pot and brought it out to him, that is, the angel of the Lord, under the oak" - Hallelujah! The oak tree is a symbol of the Cross! Hallelujah. What was the Cross made out of? Wood! Oh, Hallelujah! When Abraham fed mysterious visitors, please tell me, where did he serve them? *Under an oak tree! That is not just outward description*. It is to tell us Abraham knew the Lord and he knew the way of the Cross. But, there was a man who got his hair caught in a - what kind of tree? And oak tree! He rebelled against his own father!

[Track 11]

The Cross is life or death. If my memory is correct - and you folks can correct me, I do not mind, - when Jacob and his family finally headed back for the Land, they had to *cleanse themselves* because Jacob's beloved wife Rachel had what was known as the teraphim, or the household

gods. And, she told a lie to her father who came seeking them. But, to abbreviate, they took off all their golden earrings which they were using for show and they took the teraphim and all their items and *buried them under an oak tree*. Oh, hallelujah! When you know the work of the Cross, beloved, all your idols have to go! God may let you get off with a few, but there comes a time when you have to bury all the idols. John tells us in one of his epistles, “Little children, *keep yourselves from*” – *what?* – “*idols.*”

[Mockingly parodying] “Oh, I don’t have an idol. I am not worshipping an idol.” My dear friends, where all have *cherished ideas* and things that we worship without realizing – until the Spirit of God shows us. A song I love to sing says, “Break down every idol throne, reign supreme and reign alone.” And they changed their garments (to get into the Land)! And all of that is meaningful!

So, let us see what brother Gideon is doing here. He is offering an offering on the rock. And Who is the Rock of Ages? Jesus! “Then the angel of the Lord put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand and touched the flesh and the” - what cakes? - “unleavened cakes. And there rose up *fire* out of the rock! And consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the Lord departed out of their sight!” Isn’t that something! What kind of fire do you think that was, beloved? The staff is a picture of the Word of God. That angel of the Lord was not Gabriel. That was the Lord *Himself*. Whenever you see “the angel of the Lord” appearing and he is not *an* angel, he is *the* angel of the Lord, it was the Lord Jesus Christ in a body before He was born of the virgin Mary.

[Track 11, 03:10]

Let me give you something to chew on. Didn’t God say, “Let us make man”? How? “After our image and likeness.” Well, if God is going to make man after His own image, *who is the image and likeness of God?* [The Son of God.] In Colossians, He is “the express image of the invisible God. *So, Jesus existed in a body*. You never see the Father appearing. You do not see the Holy Spirit appearing in a bodily form. But only *One* took on a body, and that was Jesus. And, His coming as an angel of the Lord was to *prepare man* for the time when He would come *closer* and He would become partaker of flesh and blood. The only exception: He would have no sin in Him! Praise God!

Oh! that will take me too long. Please forgive me.

Let us see what happened to Manoah – [Gideon’s] father – and his mother as they offered a similar sacrifice. Let us go to Judges 13:16. “And the angel of the Lord said unto Manoah, ‘Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread, and, if thou offer up’ – what kind of offering? A burnt offering. I am just tracing this for you. [So] that you will see the *importance* of the Burnt Offering which, in my younger days in the Lord, I had no concept of.

All of the offerings were to show us a specific insight into the Lord and His work! So, it is one offering, but there are five views or portraits or five mirrors

[Track 12]

To show us the one offering. Now, notice the emphasis there is on the Burnt Offering. "Thou must offer it unto the Lord, for Manoah knew not he was an angel of the Lord. And Manoah said unto the angel of the Lord, 'What is thy name that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honor?' And, the angel of the Lord said unto him, "Why askest thou thus after My name, seeing as it is *secret*?" The word "secret" is "wonderful"! And, what did Isaiah say, "His name shall be called *Wonderful*!" Secret. In other words, it is the same word. "Counselor! Prince of Peace. The Mighty God. The Everlasting Father." Of course, He is not revealing Himself to them as He really was and is, but He is just taking the role of a servant, like the angels who are *ministering* servants of God.

Alright, let us read on. So, Manoah took a kid with a Meal Offering. That word "meat" is an old-fashioned word because was, in the olden times, any table laden with food along with the food was called "meat". Even if they did not eat meat [and] it was just a vegetable meal, they would refer to it as "a meat offering." But the correct word is "meal offering".

Alright. Let us see what they did with that offering. "Manoah took a kid with a meal offering and offered it on a rock unto the Lord." What did Gideon do? Did he do a similar thing? Alright? And the angel *did wondrously*, and Manoah and his wife looked on. And it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven *from off the altar*." Notice where that flame fell and where that flame was going! As I said to you the last time. Fire never burns down though the building would be consumed by the fire. Fire burns *up*. I want you to hear that statement again. Fire may burn down a building, but fire, by nature, *ascends*. Goes up. That is why this word "burnt offering" means "*the 'o lah*". Or, is the ascending offering! Oh, hallelujah! So, another meaning for "Burnt Offering" is what? " *The Ascending Offering*."

What caused the offering to ascend? Because it was consumed with what? Fire. Fire may burn up but it naturally it goes *up*. Fire always goes up. Next time, in case you doubt that, observe it. Now, I am not hoping for anybody's building to be consumed. I am just saying it is a natural phenomenon that fire ascends. But, this fire had to descend and then it ascended.

So, let us read that phenomenon. "It came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, the angel of the Lord *ascended in a flame of the altar*. And Manoah and his wife looked on it and fell on their faces."

Right there is the story of the Cross! Right there is the story of Pentecost! And, right there is the story of the Ascension of Jesus Christ! Oh, my! This Bible we have, my friends, it is amazing! That whole story, I have only touched it. I am not trying to explain everything because I do not know *all* the details. But, this angel goes up in a flame of fire. And they were afraid that they would die. But God was showing them grace because of the altar and the offering. Hallelujah!

[Track 12, 04:20]

Okay, I want to give you something else. And that is, the story of King David. How many of us may know that David sinned against God when he numbered – or wanted to number his army? And, Joab tried to resist him, but he was persuaded, himself, to go on with the job. But, one of the reasons judgment came was because, whenever a census was to be taken, the males had to pay a half a shekel. And, there was no offering given in the census.

[Track 13]

Now, in one sense, God allowed it. But, in another sense, it says “Satan stood up to tempt Israel through David.” Let us get this straight. Satan tempts, but God tries. There is a difference. Satan tempts to get us to fail. God *tries* us to make us stronger. And, when we fail, we repent. He can improve us.

Alright? So, I want to bring you through this reference. 2 Samuel 24. So, why is God repeating the emphasis on the Burnt Offering, and the Meal Offering, and the fire, and the altar? It is because there is tremendous truth pertaining to His plan of redemption and the One who would fulfill that plan. Alright? So, we want to go to 2 Samuel 24. Many were dying, and David said, “Let me die rather than all your innocent sheep. It was I who did the wrong deed.” 2 Samuel 24. And this is a story in itself, as are all these stories – which are true stories (by the way). Not fiction by any means. Please read that whole story. And, let us see, in the midst of the judgment, what happened. 2 Samuel 24:15. David chose one out of three options that he had. And he said, “Let me fall into the hand of the Lord for His mercies are great.” Verse 14. Verse 15, “So the Lord sent the pestilence on Israel from the morning to the time appointed and there died of the people from Dan even unto Beersheba,” – how many? – 70,000 men! What a great slaughter that was! God does not condone sin. Had the atonement money been collected, no judgment would have come. For, *silver* links with atonement.

[A question here comes from the audience.] It was a sin for David to put his trust in his army, as well as, he did not do it in the right way which was to take the And so, sometimes if a *leader* is not leading his people right, God allows the people to suffer judgment because of that leader’s sin. Even as you see in the case of Achan (who coveted the Babylonian garment and the shekels of money). You know, he should have died, and he did die, but his wife and children suffered! So, that is a principal in God. “9-11” [the date of the World Trade Center attack] was not just our losing three thousand people, beloved. It was God talking to all of us. And *none* of us wanted it. But that was to bring us to repentance. Have we really repented as a nation?

Now, let us go back to 2 Samuel 24:16. “And when the angel stretched out His hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord repented Him of the evil and said to the angel that destroyed the people, ‘It is enough! Stay, thou, thine hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing place of Araunah the Jebusite.’”

[Track 14]

Why should God change His mind? Remember? Jonah was to go and preach “Yet forty days and Nineveh and Nineveh will be destroyed,” but he did not want to go. But finally, he went and, instead of seeing destruction, he saw mercy and he was disappointed that his reputation as a prophet came to an end! But let God be true. God does not owe us an explanation. But if God finds repentance, and confession, and forsaking of sin, he shows mercy.

So, what did God mean when He said, “It is enough”? Go on. “And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing place of Araunah the Jebusite.” You see, *the* angel of the Lord. “And David spoke unto the Lord when he saw the angel smote the people. And, he said, ‘Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly, but these sheep, what have they done? May Thy hand be against me and against my father’s house.’” So, what is God going to do? He speaks to the prophet Gad. He does not give the message to David. “And Gad came, that day, up to David and said unto him, ‘Go up, rear an altar unto the Lord in the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.’” So, where is the wrath of God appeased when we deserve justice and we deserve judgment? The only way you can face mercy is to accept the altar – or the Cross – and the One who became our substitute.

So, it was not David’s idea to build an altar. It was God’s idea. That is why the altar was there in the very beginning of man’s history. It is only to confirm what I already shared in the first message.

Okay? “David, according to the saying of God, went up as the Lord commanded.” And you read on. And this man, Araunah, wanted to give David the property and the materials. Verse 21, “And Araunah, ‘Wherefore is the King come to his servant?’ David said, ‘To buy the threshing floor of thee, to build an altar unto the Lord that the plague may be stayed from the people.’ And, Araunah said unto David, ‘Let my Lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him. Behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood.’”

“All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee.” Notice that. “Accept thee.” When God accepted the sacrifice – a Burnt Offering - what did He do? Turned it into ashes.

Now, watch these words of David, “And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee *at a price*.” You know, my friends, *thirty pieces of silver were the value of a slave gored by an ox! And Man valued Jesus as a slave. What indignity!* Like this wicked book that has been published on “The DaVinci Code”, belittling Jesus Christ. But, anyhow, we who know the truth, let us stand for the truth. Let me tell you, it *cost God much more than our finite minds can comprehend to give up His Son*. What a difficulty Abraham had to offer up his son! But, he was getting a glimpse into the heart of God. He did not really have to give up Isaac. God *tested* him. But, Paul tells us, “If God spared not His own Son, but freely gave Him up for us all, how shall He not *with Him also* freely give us all things. Do we thank the Lord for the sacrifice He made? Thank the Father for sending the Son. Thank the Son for sending the Spirit.

David said, I am not going to offer something cheap. He was willing to pay the price. Now, we cannot pay any price to earn God's favor, but there is something known as "buying the truth" – "*Buy the truth and sell it not.*"

[Track 15]

Jesus said unto the church at Laodicea, "*Buy of Me*" – not "take from Me." Read it again. It shocked me when my eyes were opened to that. We think God is just like a Santa Claus ready to give up. And I am not saying He is not a good giver. There are some blessings that are free. There are some that will cost us *everything*. And that is the Burnt Offering. That means, if you are willing to become a Burnt Offering, you will have to say like Paul, "I have suffered the loss of *all things* that I may win Christ. And, he was not talking about "getting saved" there. He was talking about gaining the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Eternal life is a gift, but the Prize is not a gift. And only the Holy Spirit can help us to gain the prize – we cannot do it by ourselves. A gift is not a prize. And, if you do not agree, go check that out and see. A gift and a prize are two different things.

Alright. "I will *surely* buy it of thee at a price. Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which has cost me *nothing*. So, David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver." Fifty is the number of jubilee. And Freedom. "And David built there an altar unto the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So, the Lord was entreated for the land and the plague was stayed from Israel." Let us find that reference as to what happened to the offerings on the altar. Let us see if it 1 Samuel 14:25. I do not know if that is correct. But, there is another reference to this. I think it might be in Chronicles. [2 Chron. 2:4?] It is dealing with the same story and with David wanting to count Israel.

DB 2006.04.08

Burnt Offering Part 2

[Key references: Chronicles 21, Acts 1-2.]

[Track 1, 00:00]

...that the fire came from heaven and consumed the sacrifice. It does not give it to us here in 2 Samuel. It is somewhere in Chronicles.

Chronicles 21:24. Thank you, brother Randy. You see you are helping me out. We help each other out.

Now notice verse 1. "And Satan stood up against Israel and *provoked* David to number Israel." And, again, we see the difference between Satan *tempting* and God *testing*. But, anyhow, look at the verse I am trying to reach. Verse 24. Another name for Oran was "Ornan"). "Nay but I will buy it verily buy it for the *full* price. For I will not take that which is thine for the Lord, nor offer *burnt offerings* without cost." Now, the *whole* area, he bought for 600 shekels, but the place for the altar was only 50 shekels. So, there is no contradiction.

Now, I am leading up to verse 26. “And David built there an altar unto the LORD...” – and what did he do? – “and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings and called on the LORD, and *He answered him from heaven,*” – how? – “*by fire upon the altar of*” – what? – “*the burnt offering.*” So, every time you read about this altar, it is given the title “the altar of the burnt offering”, but *other* offerings are put upon the altar, yet the *burnt offering* was the foundation for all the other offerings!

Now, we read something about God saying to the angel to put up his sword. And He used *three little words*. “*It is enough!*”

“It is enough” is the same as “*It is finished!*” Oh, glory! Why? When *Jesus* became that burnt offering and peace offering and all the others. And *He* faced the fire of God’s wrath! (Against sin.) But He pleased the Father! On the cross, He could say, “My God, My God!” But, the last word of the cross was not “My God.” [It was:] “*Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit!*”

May I tell you something? Jesus did not die in the darkness! You will have to go study what I am saying to you. Had He, then His mission was a failure. But you have to go back to Genesis. Darkness was upon the face of the earth. The Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters. And God said, - what did He say? – “Let there be light.” So, which of the two won? Was it darkness or light? When God said, “Let there be light,” what happened to the darkness? It fled! And John says, [and the darkness comprehended it not ... ?] about darkness.

The Gospel of John is a second Genesis, by the way. Oh, Hallelujah! How does Genesis begin? Please tell me. “In the beginning” And how does John begin his Gospel? “In the beginning.” But the first Man failed, so God must use the second Man. Amen?

In the first Genesis, Man was made in the image of God. In the second Genesis – John’s Gospel -, God was made in the image of Man.

You see, there are *connections*. And there is no end to that. But, every time you see a connection, you begin to worship the Lord and say, “Thank you, Lord.”

So, guess what happened? There was a *great battle for three hours* when darkness and the prince of darkness surrounded the one who was, now, taking your sin and mine upon Himself. And who is going to win? You need to hear brother Crossman’s testimony. He saw [4:30] it in technicolor and it will thrill you. He was not in any way giving us his own ideas. Everything he was seeing was right in line with the Scriptures. That is how we know a true vision. And I will have to skip that – until you hear him. But, I will tell you this: Jesus *did not die until the darkness was dissipated*. In other words, *about* the ninth hour. Not fully three o’clock in the afternoon.

[Track 2]

So, having gone through the wrath of God, He has to speak three times more.

He spoke three times before the darkness. One as the darkness was ending. And, the remaining three, He spoke in the sunlight. Because as it was in the first creation, so it is in the new

creation. Darkness will not overcome light. And what does John tell us in “the second Genesis” [John’s Gospel]? “And the light shineth” – where? – “...in the *darkness* and the darkness comprehended it not!” You and I were children of darkness! But we are not that anymore!

“God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness hath shined” – where? – “in our hearts to give the light of the *glory of God* (in the face of Jesus Christ).”

Paul calls the Thessalonians “You, brethren, are not children [sons] of the night, nor of darkness. We are all the children [sons] of the day and of the light.”

Let me show you something else before we close this session. What happened when Jesus was born? The darkness. When the shepherds were guarding the flocks. Darkness was scattered, because midnight was like mid-day. The glory of the Lord made it. And night was turned to day! What happened as He was about to die? Day was turned into night! This is so good, just bear with me. You know that half of the world is in darkness and the other half is in light. That was the only day in history when the part of the world that was in light saw darkness. So, the entire planet was engulfed in darkness. May you think long on that one. Think about it. Why? Because Jesus was bearing the sin of the whole world. And He had to face rejection from the Father. But, thank God it was not longer than the Father appointed. That is why, on the Cross, He began with “Father” and at the Cross He ends with the Father. And He does not die with a voice that was stammering and faltering. He cried with a *loud voice*! “It is finished!”

In other words, Jesus is not a victim. He is a victor even in the *midst* of the darkness. He went *through it, came out of it, and He took the darkness that we might come into the light*. Amen? Hallelujah.

How can you talk about the Lord and not talk about His greatness and His work on the Cross? And the more the saints in heaven worship the Lord, the more they see the greatness of the Lord and His work of His Cross. We are *here*, we should take an interest in the Lord and His work.

I am not through yet. I just have the Spirit reminding me of something. Why did Moses and Elijah come to speak with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration? That is a hard question. I do not know myself the full answer to that. But all heaven was on tiptoe to see Jesus make a decision: Would He go back to the Father and avoid the Cross or would He come down the mount and go to the Cross? You see, dear friends, God not only tests us in when everything is against us, but He tests us when we are flourishing. Think about that one now. David was flourishing when he wanted to number Israel. He did not have to resort to that plan. So, God tests us in the midst of adversity and prosperity. And we need God’s grace, else we can be a victim rather than a victor.

And any victory we win, we know Who alone deserves the victory – not us.

So why must Moses and Elijah speak with Jesus about something? And you can read that like I did. And we can keep on reading, but unless the Lord opens our eyes we can not see. It was not He [who was] talking with them, but they were talking with Him. [Track 2 completed.]

[Track 3]

He knew what He had to do, but they came to reinforce Him, because Elijah and Moses represent the Prophets and the Law. Moses represents the Law. Elijah represents the Prophets. And *both* the Law and Prophets prophesied that when the Messiah came He would have to die on the Cross. Jesus was telling His disciples about it, but they were too dense to comprehend, so now here are two visitors from the other side of the veil and they [the disciples] hear what is going on! And, “they spoke with Him about His decease which He should accomplish in Jerusalem.” That word, “accomplish” is an interesting word. It is the same word “it is finished” or “it is accomplished.” And, by the way, Jesus accomplished His mission all by Himself – though all the forces of darkness were against Him! You know, you can finish your life, but you can finish it without accomplishing the goal. *But Jesus finished the work the Father gave Him to do.* Praise God? He did not leave any stone unturned.

What I am saying is, they were interested in what He would do on the mount. Would He go back to the Father or would He go down the mount. Aren't you thankful He decided to come down the mount and go all the way to Calvary! *You see how important Calvary is in the eyes of God?* I tell you, today most of us only hear what Jesus did for us on the Cross. But we need to hear more about what happened on the Cross. Not only the fact that He took my S-I-N-S, but He took my sinful nature there. And I have to go the way of the cross which is, I am willing to *die to myself every day!*

And the Burnt Offering means I am yielded to God, that God would turn me into ashes.

When we say, “Lord, I want to go all out,” we do not know what we are asking for. It is like James and John saying, “O Lord, when you come into your kingdom...”. The mother was speaking for the sons, “Grant that one son will sit on your right hand and the other on the left!” What did the Lord say? It is a prepared place for those who have been prepared by My Father. But He said, “Are you willing to drink the cup?” Do you know, without realizing it, they said, “We are able!” That is why one became the first martyr! And John became a spiritual martyr. In other words, it *cost* them to go the way of the cross. Listen, when *you* decide to lay your all on the altar *every day*, - you have got to hand over your life to the Lord *every day*, and say, Lord I need your fire to fall on me afresh. That is applying it to ourselves now. Some days will be *tough* but let us trust God for the grace to see us through. Some battles we have to go through. We do not escape. [3:06] I am sorry to tell you, but it is true. Most of us have an escapist mentality. By that [is meant] we want to escape everything.

He did not say, “When the temptations come, you can escape it (by fleeing).” Would you like to read that verse and then I will have to stop and continue [after something?]. We might not reach the Meal Offering, but that is alright. I have to give you a break.

And 1 Corinthians 10:13.

And only the Lord can help us. We did not pass all our tests. And, we had to come to the end of ourselves and do our repenting.

“There has no temptation taken you, but such as is common to man, but God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted *above* you are able but with the temptation also will...” - “provide the way of escape...” - *that you may be able to find sanctuary in some other department?*

Because the minute we hear “escape” we say, “Oh, boy! We are excepted.” No, but, “...that you may be able *to bear it!*” Some things you have to bear. And sometimes you have to forebear.

Like in a marriage there, we learn two bears: one is bear and the other is forebear. We will never stop learning that.

That you may be able to bear it. After you have gone *through it*, then you come out stronger. Praise God?

Well, I have to restrain myself and bring *this* part to a close. Thank you for your patience. I do not think we will finish the Burnt Offering. I have to *go on* and explain a little more, in Elijah – which I referred to – and then the Day of Pentecost and how all of that fits in with *us*, and how *we* are to be the Burnt Offerings. Not that we can *die for anybody*. But the principle of the burnt offering is: *total surrender to the Lord*.

[Track 4]

God *bless* you, richly! Amen.

So good to be with you again, for this second session, dear friends. We want to continue the Burnt Offering. I was racing hard to get to the Meal Offering, but the Lord had to slow me down and let me bring out a few more thoughts that will *bless* you and *encourage* you in these times.

And how good to see the truths of God hidden in the Old Testament, *opened up and revealed* in the New Testament. That is why we need both the Old and the New. Some only want the Old and the do not want the New – like the Jew of today. And then the Christians want the New, but many do not want the Old, but one without the other is incomplete. Imagine trying to eat food with only one row of teeth. We need both rows. And we need both the Old and New Testament.

So, let us continue our study on the Burnt Offering, and bring you to the fact that David built an altar and the spot was the same spot which eight hundred years before where Abraham built an altar and offered up his son. And that was the area where Calvary’s cross was enacted! Isn’t that something! Because in Mt. Moriah, a name was given by Abraham for the Lord, “In the mount of the Lord – not “it shall be seen” – “*He shall be seen.*” And He called the name of the place, “*Jehovah Jireh.*” And what does “Jehovah Jireh” mean? I am sure you know. “The Lord will provide.” But there is a little thought *hidden* in what Abraham told Isaac. And the hidden thought was, when Isaac asked, “My father where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”, Abraham did not say, as some translations put it, “When we get there, God will provide us a lamb.” No.

That is not fully accurate. I want you to read it like this: "God will provide *Himself* – a lamb!" Now you can see: *God Himself will come to earth and fulfill the role of the lamb*. You see, my friends, it is He who gave *Himself* for us on the Cross. "He loved me and gave *Himself* for me," Paul says. That word "Himself" is a tremendous word. *All* the words of the Bible are inspired words. It is just that we have not been able to *discover* all of those things.

But every time you see Abraham is really saying God *Himself* will come to earth and fulfill the role of the lamb and it will be right in that same area where He built the altar and got the ram. And it is the same place David purchased. And that place became the foundation for the Temple of Solomon. And what is the *basis* for the church? Christ must die and rise again from the dead. "On this rock *I* will build my church..." Hallelujah?

So, you see how *all* those things are interrelated. But you can go on with those thoughts.

And I must bring you back to Solomon. *He* offered burnt offerings when the Temple was dedicated. And *God sent fire from heaven* and consumed the burnt offering - which shows you that God was pleased. Because, how did Solomon build the Temple? Can anybody assist me with that? Did he hatch out a plan and say, well, I am going to build a temple *this* way. And I get all my architects and stone masons and all the rest to do the building? No. *David received the pattern* for the Temple from the Lord and he passed it on (to Solomon). And Solomon had to do it *exactly* as God said before the glory came into that temple.

[Track 5, 00:16]

It is a similar thing to the Tabernacle. I tell you, we [do] read the Scriptures but – Oh – how we need the Lord to enlighten us some more. Of course, the Temple was more permanent than the Tabernacle. But a principle is there, in the closing chapter of Exodus, Exodus 40. Notice: before the glory came and *filled* the Tabernacle, [what took place?]

Read Ex. 40:20-34. Those are tremendous verses. You will see that when Moses put the various vessels in their right places, and he built the tent according to the pattern God showed him... I will just read verse 20 and 21: "And he, Moses, took and put the testimony into the Ark and set the staves on the Ark and put the mercy seat above upon the Ark, and he brought the Ark of the testimony..." What comes after that? "*As the Lord commanded Moses.*"

We have to do things *God's way*. Look at verse 25. "And he lighted the lamps before the Lord *as the LORD commanded Moses.*"

Verse 29: "He put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the Tabernacle of the tent of offering *as the Lord commanded Moses.*"

Now, I am going to skip reading *all* the verses. Verse 33: "And he reared up the court round about the Tabernacle and the altar and set up the hanging of the court gate." Now comes this

climactic verse: “*So Moses finished* the work!” Oh, Hallelujah! Well, a greater than Moses came and wrought the plan of redemption in His own tabernacle – which is His own body. And what were His closing words on the Cross? *It is finished!*

“*Then* a cloud covered the tent of the congregation and the *glory* of the Lord filled the Tabernacle.” It was after Jesus finished the work and went back into the glory that the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost!

So, you see, all these things are patterns in the Scriptures.

“The Spirit was not given,” John tells us in chapter 7 of his Gospel, because of what? [Because] Jesus was not yet glorified.

Let us read John 7. And, again, how wonderful are the blendings of God, the interrelationships of His word!

In the seventh chapter, we have a statement in parenthesis or brackets. Starting at John 7:39, “But this spake He of the Spirit whom they that *believe* on Him should receive.” Let us see where the parenthesis begins at “but”. Did you notice that punctuation mark? If you can find all the brackets or the parentheses in Scripture, there is no end to it. Each one has *volumes of meaning*. That is a whole book! And I do not have that kind of understanding – to find all the parentheses in the Scriptures. But here is one that is loaded. “But this spoke He of the Spirit Whom they that believe on Him should receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

The glorification took place on Resurrection Day, as well as in His ascension back into glory. And, until Jesus went *back* unto the Father, the Spirit could not come (in great power) and not unless He came as before. Before Pentecost, the Spirit would *come* but not remain.

[Track 6]

Men were anointed and that was a *limited* anointing. The Spirit came as a *transient guest*, not as a *permanent visitor*.

But on the day of Pentecost He was sent to be the administrator of the church, the one to empower us. And that is why the glory could not come until Moses *finished*. I am just showing you the connections. Alright?

Now, let us go see. There is one incident I gave the last time, on Elijah challenging the false prophets of Baal to verify whether the right God was their god or whether the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel was the true and living God. And you know the story.

Who sent the fire? Not Baal! But Elijah built his altar and he did everything according to God's word – as *God* said! And he prayed that: Lord, I have done as *you* have said. And by the time he was through praying, God was so pleased with His servant that *He sent the fire to consume*. And I ended on this last time – which I need not worry about repeating because the more we hear it, the better for us.

This is the *only* time in God's word that the *fire* not only *consumed* the sacrifice, but it consumed the altar. In all the past occurrences, the altar was kept intact. But the fire would *consume* the sacrifice.

I wish we had time to go into the story of Elijah. That is too vast for me to give in just a few minutes. But our time is limited. You know the story: the wood, the stones, the water on the sacrifice and around the altar. [Elijah] was making it hard for God to set fire. As if God's fire can be put out with water. Man's fire can be extinguished, but not God's fire. Now when that fire came, it consumed the wood, the stones, the sacrifice, including the altar itself. And *everything* was reduced to dust and ashes. The people had never seen it like that.

But what I want to tell you: 1 Kings 18, you can read it – it was at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon when the fire fell. That is the exact time of day that Jesus died!

By the way, how many of you can guess how long Jesus was on the Cross (altogether)? Yes, He was on the cross from 9:00 o'clock to 3:00 o'clock. And the second three hours He had to go through the darkness. I believe – you may disagree, but it is no big thing to *worry* about – some argue for a Wednesday crucifixion, some say Thursday, some say Friday, and I do not intend to get into *all* of that. But I believe that Jesus died on a Friday and rose from the dead on a Sunday. And people say, "That can not be three days and three nights" which is true. *But the Jews reckoned a part of a day as a whole day.*

[For example], Queen Ester said, "I am going to fast for three days and three nights and then come before the king." You read it: "On the third day, she came before the king." So, you have to understand the *idiomatic* expressions of the people of that time. And the Scriptures explain themselves if we have the time to study them. But, if you believe in a Wednesday or Thursday crucifixion, so long as you agree that He died and was buried and rose again, we are all in agreement there though we may not see it the same as far as the time element.

But, I wanted to show you that if my theory is correct that Jesus died the *sixth day* and had to go through *six hours* on the cross! You see, the number of the Beast is what? Six, six, six. Man, by losing the glory became bestial in his lifestyle. What is the law of the beast? Survival of the fittest! So, if Jesus is going to take our waywardness and bestiality –

[Track 7]

Man did not enter into the full blessings of the seventh day, he fell short. So, Jesus, to restore us must suffer for us on the sixth day and go through the six grueling hours to undo the effects of the fall! Hallelujah.

And I have said all of that to tell you that it has been six days since man fell. A day with the Lord is how long? (One thousand years.) How long will be six days? (Six thousand years.) And, did God stop making man after His own image after Adam and Eve had sinned? No. He never deviated from that. So, we should get ready for the glory of God that dwells *in* us now to radiate from within us *to outside of us!* “For He is bringing many sons unto *glory!*”

We are candidates. Not that we have *arrived*. But God has not departed from His plan. For example: “In the day that you eat thereof, you will,” – what? – “die.” But Adam still lived on. You say, “How can that be?” He did not live one of God’s days? How long is one of God’s days? (One thousand years.) How long did Adam live? (Nine hundred and thirty years). He fell short by how many? Seventy. The oldest man to live was Methuselah. He fell short by living nine-sixty-nine. He fell short by thirty-one years. But, while he was living, God was making him a *testimony* to his generation.

So, the word of God is very deep. Yes, man was *spiritually* cut off from God – the same day. But, taking God’s time-reckoning, Adam could not live – and no human being has lived past one thousand years (on this earth, that is). That is something!

So, what was Elijah demonstrating when he asked the Lord to send the fire? He was saying: that is what Jesus would face on the Cross. And that is why He went *through* the three hours of darkness! But here I want to repeat something I said before. On Mt. Carmel, the fire consumed the sacrifice (and everything else). Now, why did that happen? Because Calvary’s cross was not to be repeated a second time. And Jesus was not to die a second time. But here is the contrast. On Mt. Calvary, it was not the fire that consumed the sacrifice and reduced it to dust and ashes, *it was the sacrifice that consumed the fire*. And that will take you some time to ponder.

Jesus faced the wrath of God, but He endured it! And His flesh was to see no corruption. Did you think about this and are you thinking about it even now that the death of Jesus was no ordinary death? My friends, if that gets ahold of you, you are going to bow your whole being before the Lord and say, “Thank you, Lord! How great Thou art!” A greater love for the Lord and the Cross will be your portion. You will take on more of the marks of Jesus. Paul says, “Let no man trouble me, I bear in my body,” – what? – “the *marks* of the Lord Jesus.”

Since He became a burnt offering, we become a burnt offering.

What is the offering that comes after the burnt offering in the correct order in Leviticus? The meal offering. The meal offering is His *perfect* humanity. The burnt offering is His full surrender to God. And *all six hundred and thirteen commandments* – two forty-eight positive and three

sixty-five negative – (three hundred and sixty-five represent the solar year). Imagine trying to keep all those commandments. But, when you *reduce* them, they become ten. And, when you reduce the ten, they become two. And *all* is summed up in: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, all thy strength, all thy soul, all thy mind. And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” In the burnt offering, Jesus is fulfilling the first part.

[Track 8, 00:00]

In the second – the meal offering – He is fulfilling His responsibility to man! And only He could do that! That is why He kept the commandments and fulfilled the Law. Praise God? That is why, when the disciples looked, - “What happened to Moses and Elijah?”

Peter wanted to build a *tabernacle*. “One for thee, Lord, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah”. He did not know what he was saying. If he meant: Put these two men alongside Jesus, he *erred* in a gross manner, because no man can be on the same level with the Lord. He is head and shoulders above us. He is the preeminent one. Moses and Elijah departed. And they saw no man but *Jesus!*

How sad that Jews are expecting Elijah to come back. Yes, until today they are looking for Elijah to come. Well how many get their eyes on the One Who is greater than Elijah? And they love to talk about Moses – “Moses said this. Moses said that.” They do not know that a greater than Moses is here. And, when Jesus comes on the scene, Moses and Elijah have to retreat because their ministry was to exalt the Lord and not themselves. Like John the Baptist, [who said], “I must decrease. He must increase.”

So, we see the whole story of Calvary in God sending fire to consume the sacrifice. But on Mt. Calvary, *the sacrifice consumed the fire*.

That is so dynamic. I do not believe I have fully grasped it yet. “Jesus, who for the joy that was set before Him *endured the cross*” – *as the brass on the Altar was mingled with wood*. But the brass was there to *contain the fire*, *Jesus is seen in the Altar*.

You could make an altar of either earth or stone. And Jesus is the earthen vessel. And He was crucified through weakness. But He is the stone that the builders rejected, and He will *endure the wrath of God against sin!* *That is so powerful! I can't absorb all of it. But there will never be two Jesus Christs.*

You know, among the Jewish people that believe in the Messiah coming twice, they believe he will come the first time as Son of David and then he will come as Son of Abraham. Or they try to take the Scriptures and interpret it the way *they* have seen it – but he was to come and do both Son of Abraham, Son of David. You say, “Why does Matthew call Jesus, ‘Son of David, Son of Abraham?’” I never knew. “Son of David” comes before “Son of Abraham.” What does that

mean? David is the only man in the genealogy in chapter one that is called “the king” though others were kings.

[Track 8, 03:29]

Only David is called “the king”. In other words, when Messiah came he would be king – a greater king than David – and he would be greater *than Isaac, because He would become the Lamb!* Hallelujah!

So, “Son of David” – who He is, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. “Son of Abraham” – He is the lamb caught in the thicket by its horns. So, it is right there!

And the first half of the book shows that Jesus is the son of David. From the time of the transfiguration to the end of the book, Jesus is *fulfilling the role of the Lamb*. And I am reminding myself that there are keys to every book in the Bible. Amen? There are key words, like the book of Hebrews. The book of Hebrews is the *counterpart to the book of Leviticus*. And, if we do not study the old, how are we going to understand the new? And who is the *best teacher*? Who is the best commentator on the entire Scriptures? The Holy Spirit! Hallelujah! And even if you don’t get the tapes and the books, - and I am not against tapes and books, - the Holy Spirit is there to teach you personally! But when we come together like this? He is teaching us *corporately*. And we need both teachings. We need the personal walk with God and we need the corporate walk with God. As the ministries are not doing anything. We need the ministries.

But why did He give them?

[Track 9, 00:00]

...to help the rest of the body, like the hand helps the rest of the body. That does not make the hand greater. Each member has a part to play. But we are *servants* to help one another.

So, back to what I am saying, Jesus died at 3 o’clock in the afternoon. But now we must go on to Acts chapter 1 and 2. Do not be in a hurry to get to chapter 2. It is just like [when we read] the book of Revelation: we want to skip chapter 1 and go to the letters to the churches. No. Chapter 1 sets the stage for chapters 2 and 3. And, in case you don’t believe that, I will show you how you can believe it. The description of Jesus in chapter 1 follows through in chapters 2 and 3. So, for homework, go through the seven churches and no one church has all of Jesus. That is to crush the ego in many so-called megachurches. You know: each group wants to say, “We are it. We are the last move of God.” Let me tell you, the last move of God has not come yet! And nobody has the last word from God *yet!* And all this glorying in the *flesh* is wood, hay, and stubble that will be consumed by the fire of God.

Thank God for each group, even if don’t see alike, we love the brethren! Amen? And, we can *pray* one for the other.

So, each church has a measure of the Lord. How many would like to hear a message on that and go through the description of Jesus [from] Ephesus all the way to Laodicea? Suppose you were to do that on your own? And then, take the description and check it out with the first chapter [of Revelation]. So, if you missed the first chapter, you can not understand the second and third chapters.

Well, it is like Acts. Oh! We all love the story: What happened “When the day of Pentecost was fully come.” It did not just happen to come. The Lord *tested* them. He said, “Tarry ye in Jerusalem until you be *endued* with power from on high.” How many ended up in the upper room? Where were the three hundred and eighty? Isn’t that a good question? It is the same thing today. “Many are called...” What is the rest? “...but few are chosen.” And why few are chosen? Because *many are frozen*. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. That is why we need the fire of God. [And] more so than ever before.

Sometimes a fire can go out if you do not *feed* it. Is that right? But God’s fire was not meant to be put out. That is a law of the Burnt Offering which I will show you before we close. So, what were they *doing* in that Upper Room for ten days. They did not know they were going to have to wait ten days. Imagine having one hundred and twenty people in one place but they are not in discord. *That is a miracle right there*. Right? And, they are not playing cards and dominoes if they had those games. No? I am not doing away with having a little time to, uh, rest your mind and have a little vacation or something of that, but *they knew that this was a command. He commanded them*.

[Track 9, 3:50]

Well, they engaged themselves in prayer and intercession. And among the 120 was the mother of our Lord! Can you imagine that? And others related to Him. Mary must have been a *truly* God-fearing woman. And, she had to realize, that, it was not what *she* wanted that her son must do, it was what *God* wanted for the Son. He wasn’t being disrespectful when she tried to help Him to do a miracle. But she learned to obey.

And I tell you this. Some of us may not agree with the Catholic believers in *worshipping* Mary – and, of course, Mary is not to be worshipped -, but we go to the *other* extreme in which we think she was just a common person. We are to “give honor to where honor is due. So, another time I hope to give you a little into Mary. But not today.

[Track 10]

I want to shock you with a statement: Mary is the only human being that conceived Jesus Christ two times! I hope you can recover from that. First, she conceived Him by bringing Him forth in a human body. *The second time, the Spirit caused Jesus to be birthed into her soul*. So, all of those who do not pay attention, we all have a rude awakening. Maybe that is why some of them go to

the other extreme to worship her. But, what did she tell the servants? “Whatsoever He saith unto you, *do it.*” [John 2:5]

So, if Mary is really appearing and conveying a message, she can’t convey any other message except, “Don’t worship me. Worship Jesus.” You got to *test* the spirit. Whom did the Lord commit to Mary? [John.] [John 19.26-27]. That is another mystery. Can you imagine how many hours John and Mary spent? And, things that you don’t read in the other Gospels you find in John’s Gospel. Those were *two people – two witnesses* – that had a great ministry in their day! And, God is no respecter of persons. He can use each one of us. But those two knew Him as few people knew Him.

So, what is happening in the Upper Room? Mary is not saying, “Now, my son is gone. You got to respect me and hear what I tell you.” No. Mary is willing to be one who is on her knees. And, did God *restrict* her? No. Did she come into the blessing? Yes. I can imagine, if she was quiet, how fiery she became on that day!

Well, guess what was happening for ten days. God was breaking them down and making them like the Meal Offering. The meal offering was made out of *fine* flour. How do you get fine flour? It is grain in a different form. It takes a lot of threshing to get the chaff out of the wheat. It takes a lot of grinding and pounding to get the fine flour. Right? But, when you see Jesus, He is level on *all* sides. But now He is raising up a people who become His body. And just as the body of Christ had to be formed in the womb of the virgin Mary before that life was birthed, so the spiritual body of Christ – the 120 – were being crushed into fine powder or fine flour. That is why nobody is grumbling or complaining.

And they are meditating on the Scriptures. Peter showed them why Judas went his way. And, how some one else should replace him. And the first chapter is *very important* to the second. They did not know what would happen and how long they would have to stay. But the Lord said, “Not many days hence.” That didn’t mean forty days or fifty days. They only ended up staying there ten days because the ascension of the Lord took place *forty* days after His resurrection. That is when He was publicly seen. And they spent their time in prayer and the word. And, as they were moving in unity, God sent the fire now to *bake them into a cake*.

The same thing God did for Cornelius and his family. Peter did not even get to finish the message. It is interesting, God stopped Peter *three* times. Go look for that. In the home of Cornelius, he did not get to finish the message. Guess what happened. The ones who heard were *filled with the Spirit*. Conversion, in-filling of the Spirit – *it all took place at one time!* You know, we [have] got our own ideas how God must do His work. God is greater than our minds can fathom. If He wants to work in a sovereign way, who are we to stop Him?

These two groups, the Jew and the Gentile – first the Spirit came on the Jew, now the Spirit came on the Gentile – these two are the two wave loaves that link with Pentecost. [Leviticus

23.17] But strange they were to be baked with leaven. But the Meal Offering had nothing to do with leaven. That is why we are getting ready for the Meal Offering [message] next time. Leaven gives a false appearance.

[Track 11]

Leaven puffs up. And there are five to six kinds of leaven in the Bible. *To be continued next time [in the next spoken message.]*

So, why did God allow the wave loaves from the *wheat* harvest to be baked with leaven. Leaven speaks of the nature of sin in us. Although we are redeemed we still have the tendency to sin. Only when we are fully redeemed there will be no more leaven left in us. And the cure for leaven is fire. Fire comes to stop the spread of leaven! Don't let us go and say, "I can't sin again", or, "I have reached perfection." That is empty glorying in the flesh. We can only trust God for grace to live in victory over sin. If we *miss it*, we immediately flee to the Lord and confess and repent.

But, there is coming a day when this change will come. And no more leaven will be left in us. Jesus is not bread with leaven. He is the *unleavened* bread. And, He is not a lame sheep or a diseased sheep. He is the lamb without blemish and without spot.

While I am on it, let me ask you a quick question. How come the soldiers broke the legs of the two thieves and they could not break the legs of Jesus? Has that question crossed your mind? Go ahead. That is right: to fulfill the Scripture. Alright. When a lamb got lost over and over again, the shepherd had to break its legs because he was a disobedient sheep. But Jesus was an obedient sheep, so He did not need to have His legs *broken*! Do I hear an "Amen" there?

You see, God has so much to tell us. And I am just *learning*, my friends. I have not fully learned yet, but I am glad to see Jesus was obedient even unto death. And, while Jesus is living, the men are living. Death can't live in Jesus' presence. So, He must die before they will die. Isn't that something? *Oh, hallelujah! "I am the resurrection and the life!"*

Now, having said that, when the day of Pentecost was fully come. At nine o'clock in the morning – *the time of the morning oblation*. There were two offerings Israel gave to the Lord. One was in the morning. One was in the evening. [Lev. 6.20?] That is why Jesus was on the cross for six hours. He was put on the Cross at the time of the *morning* oblation and He died on the Cross at the time of the *evening* oblation. Isn't He wonderful!

My friends, would to God [that] He would open our eyes more and more to the person of our Lord and His work on the Cross. I don't care how many revelations we have, if we are not drawing closer to the Lord and if He is not becoming more real and dear to us, [then] we are getting astray. Don't focus on revelation as revelation or focus on just knowing for just knowing.

But every revelation and knowledge is to bring us into a closer revelation and knowledge of the One Who is the *source* of [all/our?] revelation and the *source* of [all/our?] knowledge.

Now, hear what I am going to tell you which I *touched on* but which I did not improve on – in the first session: One hundred and twenty individuals presented their bodies as a living sacrifice! And God was so *pleased*, He sent fire to consume them. How did God show His approval of the Burnt Offering? Help me. He sent fire to consume it! Now you see the reality in a people who are willing to *yield their all* whether the 380 were there or not! Let me tell you there will never be a meeting where everybody who promises to come will come. So, we better get rid of that idea!

One of the *hardest* lessons I have had to learn through the years is: “Don’t despise the day of small things.” *Many* times, I used to preach, and I didn’t see too many results. And many times, I only had to go to a few. And you know how the Enemy loves to condemn you. But God has taught me a principle. And I want to *always* learn it: “He that is faithful in the little, is faithful in much.”

I don’t envy any servant of God who can reach the masses. I am all for that. Listen! We are not in a competition. And, if we realize that, we would acknowledge God is using *whomever* He wants.

[Track 12. 00:00]

And we are to rejoice with them that rejoice and weep with them that weep. God forbid that we should compare ourselves with ourselves. If you want to compare yourself, compare yourself with *Jesus*. Hallelujah.

So, God responded to their commitment by sending the fire. But where are we now? We are not in the *beginning* of the Age of Grace. Where are we now? So, we are at the time of the Evening Sacrifice. God is looking for some burnt offerings. And, if He can find, in the end-time church, a people who are sold out to Him, spirit, soul, and body, guess what is going to happen. He is going to send *greater glory* than what came at Pentecost.

But, you know what? We have been living *subnormal* and *abnormal* lives [so] that God has to jerk us into the reality of our need! “He maketh His angels winds or spirits, and His ministers” – what? – “*a flame of fire*.” The Latter Rain is about to come! “The glory of the *latter* house will be” – what? – “greater than the former.” The church at Pentecost began in glory, and the *church is to end up* in great glory.

What kind of church is He coming for? A *glorious* church! Hallelujah! We look at the church today and we don’t see any hope. But don’t give up. Every day remind the Lord of what He has purposed to do. And become a candidate every day to be a burnt offering.

I take you now to the fact that Isaiah – and you [do] sing it – prophesied to “give them beauty for” – what? – “ashes, Oil of joy for” – what? – “mourning, the garment of praise for” – what? – “the spirit of heaviness.” [Isa. 61.3] I used to read that many years ago. “What does that mean, Lord? ‘Beauty for ashes?’ I don’t seem to see a connection.” But, when the fire of God *consumed* the burnt offering, what happened to the burnt offering? It was reduced to ashes. If you will allow the fire of God to keep on burning in you, - glory! – all the relics of the old nature will be *completely* turned into ashes and then the beauty of Jesus will come forth within and without! Hallelujah? That is what that is saying! He is going to *adorn us* (outwardly, but first He has to adorn us *inwardly*), but are we willing to be reduced to dust and ashes?

Abraham was speaking to the Lord one day. You know why Abraham is a great saint of God? I am still working on Abraham. There are many lessons in his life. “The father of all that believe whether they be Jew or Gentile.” When he spoke to the Lord, he didn’t say, “Oh, Lord, you call me your friend.” Three times in the Bible He is called “the friend of God.” No other person is denoted by that title but Abraham. But here is how he addresses the Lord when judgment is coming: “Lord, who am I to speak to you? *I who am but dust and ashes.*” [Genesis 18.27] He didn’t just say “dust,” he said, “ashes.” *Think* on that!

And, by the way, *how* did God make man in the beginning? From the – what – of the earth? Do you believe that God can turn your *dust* into a glorified body? He is the master chemist! If man can change substances, do we limit the One Who is the source of the *atoms* and the *protons* and the *neutrons*. Let me tell you, my friend, He is the God of all flesh, is there anything too hard for Him?

Isaiah says, “The dust shall sing when the earth casts out the dead!” That is *resurrection* – when those whose bodies who were taken back into the earth are going to arise with a song in their hearts! Can you imagine dust singing? Well, while we have life, let us sing like our sister does and most of us do and, if we can’t, [then] make a joyful noise. I do not believe we can comprehend the joy we are going to enter into when this mortal puts on immortality! And this corruption [puts on] incorruption.

[Track 13, 00:00]

But *live with that* view because God is – even now – getting that people ready for the end of this age! And, I am going to close with this and make it available for you to ask a question or a comment – we are here to learn. If I don’t know – well – I will have to seek the Lord to help me with it. But there is something about the Burnt Offering and the Priest. Well, who became the Priest? Who became the Burnt Offering? And, who had to take the ashes from the altar and *carry* to a clean place? I used to *wonder* about that! And, I am sure, some of you are wondering about it.

Let us turn to Leviticus 6. It is the law of the Burnt Offering. Each offering had a “law” (whether we understand it or not). But, what was the Law pertaining to the Burnt Offering? It is given there in Lev. 6:9. It is the Burnt Offering because of the burning upon the altar. And, watch this statement: How long was the fire to burn? *All night until – when? – morning*. “And the fire of the altar shall be burning in it.” Why not “all day, all night”? [Answer:] While Jesus was here (to work out the plan of redemption in His brief life) it was *day*. “I must work the works of Him that sent Me while it is yet *day*. The night cometh...” After Jesus went back to the Father, night stepped in – spiritually speaking. And when John saw the Lord (in Revelation 1), where was He? Where was He with regard to the seven churches? In the midst of the seven lampstands. It was not seven lampstands in the Mosaic Tabernacle. [There was] one. In Solomon’s Temple, [it was] ten. Why ten? Because Solomon is showing us God’s grace *to the Gentiles*. So, everything within His Temple links with *ten*. But, really, why *seven lampstands*? Seven is the number of the church. And the church is not confined to one geographical area. Where were the lampstands? Under an open heaven. In other words, *the church is not going to be restricted to Judaism*. The church is a called-out people *from every nation, kindred, and tribe*.

That includes the Jews as well. Thank God for the Jews who are finding Messiah. I rejoice. And they put us to shame sometimes, because they have a grasp of the word of God that few of us have. But, you know what God said, to the Philadelphia church? “I am going to make them who *call themselves Jews but are of the synagogue of Satan ...*” How can you say you are looking for Messiah when you are blinded to the fact that He came already, and He will come a second time? What will the Lord do to the Philadelphia church? “I will make them to come and *sit* before you, so they will know that I have loved thee.” The day is coming when Jews are going to flock to Christians and say, “*Teach* us the word of God, because we have had a lot of tradition and ritual. We want reality. It will take a people who love God who will be *teachers* to the Jew. That does not make us better. It is all God’s *grace*. They led the way for us. We are to lead the way for them. Sometimes we only think about the Gentiles – we don’t think about the Jew. But, we should pray for Jerusalem. Pray for her *peace*. Some Christians are so “spiritual” – do you know what they teach? God is through with the Jew, and the only Israel is the Israel of God which is the church. That is false doctrine! We need to read Romans 8, 9, 10, and 11 and get our eyes opened! Thank God that through their blindness salvation has come to the Gentiles. “But, when the fulness of the Gentiles is come in, God will visit the Jew again. And, I know that is a big subject. But, I am just telling you, let us not think we are the select out of the elect. That is glorying in the flesh.

We are *nothing* apart from God’s grace. Do you know Paul said? “I am what I am by the grace of God!” That is why he begins his epistles with grace and he ends with grace. By the way, Revelation ends with grace, too, even though it is a book of judgment!

Oh! I have got to tell you this. Grace in the Greek is 911 – the *emergency* number.

[Track 14]

Charis, c-h-a-r-i-s, when you take each letter in the Greek, it amounts to 911.

I will give you another tidbit. What was the sign on the Cross in three languages, when Jesus was crucified? The sign: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Well, if you take that title in Hebrew. It was written in Hebrew. And you count the letter in Hebrew, it amounts to 911. And it was that sign that Pilate put there to even up with the Jews – he was proclaiming Christ and the dying thief saw that

[End of Recording, interrupting the message.]

[Following is the transcript of the CD titled "Burnt Offering Part 3, April 8, 2006"]

...a prayer. It was an *emergency* prayer. It is like when you dial "9-1-1" and Jesus said "Amen" to it. You say, "How do you know?" "Verily I say unto you" is the same as "Amen". When He says, "Verily, verily", that means "Amen, amen", "I confirm it as truth."

There were twenty-four or twenty-five statements in John's Gospel with "verily, verily." What comes after "verily, verily" means "*It is established. It can never fail. And, count it as done.*"

Well, let me get back to the main track. And, that is, *God wants to visit us in these days. Are we willing to lay our all on the altar?* Are we willing to submit? Some days we may feel like doing so. Other days, not so. But, say, "Lord, I *will* to do Your will. Even though I am feeling weak, I *want You to work in me* both to *will* and to *do* of Your good pleasure."

The Psalmist did not say, "I will bless the Lord when I feel like doing it." No. What did he say? When I have good times or hard times, I will bless the Lord. But, there is an important word there. "*I will.*" Will is linked with the spirit! Desire is linked with the soul. But will and desire must be fused together! Many of us have a wishbone, we do not have a backbone. "Oh, I wish this will happen. I wish, wish..." . You can wish until doomsday. But the wish and the will must be joined together. I will bless the Lord whether I feel like it or not. "Soul, you are not willing, but bless the Lord anyhow."

"My soul, why art thou disquieted within me?" Do not nurse that reluctance. *Join* with me as, under the help of the Spirit, we worship the Lord and thank Him. Sometimes, you have to speak to your own soul and your own feelings.

Thank you for your patience to hear the words of the Lord. And, I thank God for the *truth* of the Offerings. And, how we are seeing one particular view of the Lord in the Burnt Offering which is fulfilled in John's Gospel. And, one of the key verses there is, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work." "I came not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me." Are we going to follow the Lamb in that respect? Revelation 14 speaks of an overcoming people. And, part of their qualification – and they are not the same people in chapter 7. That might shock you. [Merely] because you see the same number [144,000], does

not mean it is the same people. You do not find the people in Chapter 7 singing a song. They are going *through* some hardships, but they are being protected. But you see a different people. And they are not in the literal Zion, they are in the heavenly Zion. You see, things that are similar are not always alike. I had to *learn* that.

You know, we read Moses striking the rock, and we think it is the same things. No. The first time he did it when God commanded him. The second time, he got angry. And, he did not speak to the rock, he smote the rock twice. He paid a big price for it. So, we have to see how, when God repeats something, it may be a contrast. And, part of their qualification in Revelation 14 is, "They follow," not the Lion. Help me. "These are they that follow *the Lamb whithersoever He goes*." What does that mean? They take on the nature of the Lamb which is submission. We all want to be lions. How many want to become lambs? The pathway to becoming a lion is to become a lamb. Do I hear an "amen"?

That is why the Lord cannot entrust us with too much power. But when He can find a *yielded vessel*. It does not matter whether he is known or not known. Whether famous or... . That is not the goal. That is [?] way of life. But, the way of the Cross is a narrow way. If we do not discover it now, we will discover it later. And, as a songwriter from India said, "I have *decided* to follow Jesus."

[Track 2, 00:00]

And, to follow the Lamb is to take on the nature of the Lamb which is submission. Then God equips us with the authority of the Lion of the tribe of Judah to speak and to deliver and to manifest His power.

I am sorry we have to close. I think that is as far as we can go. Oh! Will you forgive me? I forgot. I did not tell you what the Priest had to do with the ashes. So, will you allow me *a few* more minutes because that was where I was going and I went into five detours. Let us get back to the main track.

This will bless you. Oh, hallelujah! Thank you, Lord. Chapter 6:10. And, by the way, the "fire burning all night until morning" is telling us that, as long as Jesus has not returned, it is nighttime and the fire must be always burning. It was "never to go out"! Do you get that? That is neatly hidden there. That is why it does not speak of the "Night of the Lord", it speaks of the Day of the Lord. "From evening until morning," – the incense, likewise, was to be offered up. "From evening until the morning," How many of us are yearning to see the morning? Hallelujah! The New Day!

Alright. Chapter 6:10. "And the Priest shall put on his linen garment. And his linen breaches shall he put on his flesh, and take up the ashes *which the fire hath consumed* with the offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar." It is *on* the altar, [and] now he puts it *beside* the

altar. "And, the fire on the altar shall be burning it it. It shall not be put out." Verse 11. "And he shall put off his garments and put on other garments and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place." *All* of that is more than I can explain. What happened to Jesus on the Cross? He was stripped of His beautiful garments! Why was He stripped? That we might be clothed! Hallelujah? And, so, they had to wrap Him in fine linen! Really, fine linen represents the *righteousness* of God.

So, they were portraying [that] He is the Holy One. But, on Resurrection Day, He is going to gather the ashes and carry them into a clean place.

Now, Joseph and Nicodemus took the body and "placed it in a tomb wherein no man had laid." That is the clean place! He is the only one in the tomb. And no one was put in that tomb again. It was a clean place.

But on Resurrection Day, Jesus exchanged His burial garments for robes of glory. He left [the burial garments] behind. And, in resurrection robes, He gathers the ashes. He takes up His blood, and carries it within the veil, and sprinkles it on the heavenly Mercy Seat as a reminder "It is finished!" We can come with boldness to the throne of grace because we have a High Priest who finished the work that God gave Him to do and He is there, interceding for us.

So, what do we see in this Burnt Offering? If we look, as Jesus fulfilled it, we see four things: Total devotion, Law satisfied, God glorified (thank you, Lord), and the perfect substitute. Four expressions to show us how Jesus pleased the Father, became the capable substitute, lived for the glory of God, satisfied the demands of the Law. Until Law was satisfied, Grace could not be opened up to them. So, in those ashes we see that which the fire had consumed. But, hallelujah, He endured the fire. And, He is changed in resurrection. And He takes the memorial of His finished work to put on the Mercy Seat. And, whosoever comes to God must come through the Mercy Seat, because, Jesus is not only the Ark, He is the Mercy Seat. "And when I see the blood, I will," – do what? – "pass over you."

Well, I have to close, but I wanted to add that to show you that there is no end. No end! I mean that literally. No end to the word of God.

[Track 5]

Never mind how much we preach on any known subject, we only know in part. And, that is to keep up from getting a big head. May God keep us in a fit position of brokenness, submission, and, as Paul says, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren," as a consequence of what the Lord did, "that you present your bodies a *living* sacrifice holy and acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." May God bless you! Thank you for coming!

[End of message.]